

Notice to Parents Regarding Pesticide Applications

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Poughkeepsie City School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relations, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

Certain applications are not subject to prior notification requirements: a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application; antimicrobial products; nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children; boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate; the application of EPA designated biopesticides; the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; the use of aerosol products with directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

If you would like to receive 48-hour notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, or for further information:

Please notify John Willabay, District Pesticide Representative, at 845-451-4995 or by email at jwillaba@poughkeepsieschools.org